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Shum Chun	8.25	9.25	9.35	9.45	3.25	4.25	4.35	4.45
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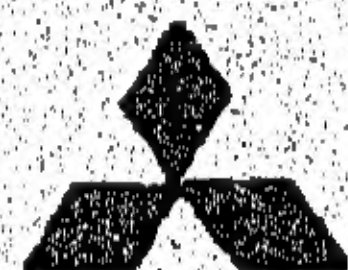
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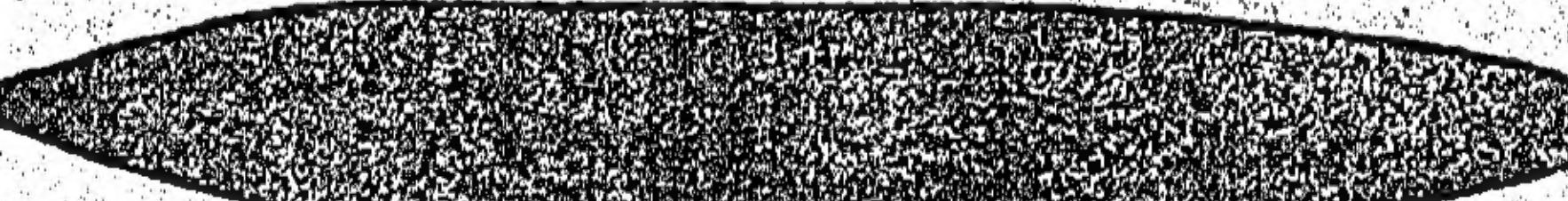
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### CHURCH CONFERENCE AT SHANGHAI.

#### ENGLISH CONGREGATIONS IN CHINA.

A conference for the purpose of discussing certain matters in connection with the position of English congregations in China was held at Shanghai on April 6th and 8th. Sir Havilland de Saumarez presided, and amongst those present were the Bishop of Victoria and the Rev. William E. Hipwell, Canton. Bishop Molony said the chief subject for their discussion was the position of the English congregations in China. In this connection there were three facts which presented themselves to his mind. The first was the fact of the existence of English congregations in China and Hongkong. Those congregations were going to remain and develop into important factors in the church life of China. The second fact was that there was an organized Church of China, an organization which had been brought to a considerable state of efficiency, having a general synod representing eleven well-formed dioceses. That general synod was enacting canons and building up at each meeting more perfectly its organization as a permanent church, belonging to the country and yet remaining an orthodox and loyal branch of the Anglican Communion, which is scattered throughout the world. The Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui had to be taken as a fact, and a permanent fact. The third fact for their consideration was that the English congregations had no organized connection with the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, the church of the country. There were three congregations without any real principle of cohesion amongst them.

CHINESE DIOCESAN BISHOPS.  
There was also the additional fact for their consideration that the bishops which held these bodies together all expected and earnestly desired and were doing all they could to further the time when they would be able to stand aside and see, coming into their places, Chinese to be the diocesan bishops of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui. The first step towards that consummation was probably going to be taken almost immediately in the consecration of a Chinese bishop. He would be an assistant bishop, but the step from an assistant bishop to a diocesan bishop was small, and the fact of the consecration, if it took place, would further emphasize the autonomy and independence of the Chinese Church. When the Church of China had taken upon itself the functions of an independent part of the Anglican Communion it would then be, theoretically at least, as much an independent church as the Churches of Ireland, Scotland, Canada and America. The Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui was rapidly approaching the time when it would take up such a position. In these circumstances it was necessary for them to think out some plan whereby they would be able to secure cohesion among the bodies that were already in existence. They had to make up their minds whether the English congregations were going to seek to have their central Church life in the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, or as they had been up to the present, still in the Church of England. That was the question they had to decide, and it was a difficult one. He thought it likely that it would be decided by the English congregations remaining members of the Church of England.

SCHEME WANTED FOR LAMBETH.  
If that were their decision it would then be necessary to establish some link between the foreign congregations and the congregations of the Church of China. They could now allow that there should be two churches in China gradually drifting apart, in water-tight compartments and mutually exclusive. There ought to be a connection in the general synod between these bodies, and however the English congregations organized themselves, they ought to seek some link which should keep them in touch with the central organization.

He was anxious that they should come to some sort of decision in the matter as early as possible. He thought it would be order that whatever scheme should be evolved they should have it ready to be submitted to the next Lambeth Conference, which should have been held this year, but which had now been postponed until some convenient date after the conclusion of the war. This conference was only held once in ten years, and it was necessary that they should have the matter brought forward at the first opportunity, for if not they would have to wait a very considerable time.

The speaker proposed that the scheme which he had prepared be considered in a general way.

On the suggestion of Dean Walker, it was decided to deal first with the preamble to the scheme, upon which the Dean seconded the motion.

PRINCIPLE OF LOCALITY.  
Bishop Price said his own opinion was that the principle of locality was a higher manifestation of unity than that of nationality. The tendency of Bishop Molony's proposal was the establishment of an English primacy for Englishmen everywhere in the world. He agreed that they were looking a long way ahead when they talked about Chinese diocesan bishops, but he referred to the proposal of Bishop Cecil of Japan to retire in order that a Japanese might be elected diocesan bishop and that he might become his suffragan or assistant. That was a great lead, and he thought there might be in that the solution for which they sought—the appointment by the Chinese bishops of assistants to care for the English congregation.

AMERICAN POSITION.  
The Rev. L. R. Ridgely, of Hankow, asked whether it would not be possible to include American churches in this scheme.

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### HONGKONG MAGISTRACY.

#### THEFT OF TWO CHISELS.

A Chinese was charged with stealing two chisels from Shamshui.

Defendant stated that he took the chisels for his own use; he did not steal them.

Mr. J. R. Wood sentenced defendant to fourteen days' hard labour.

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It was stated that the defendant presented chits, purporting to bear the signature of Mr. Ho Wing, to the accountant of the department. This had been carried on systematically for some time.

Defendant pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

### ILLICIT OPIUM.

An old Chinese man pleaded guilty to being in unlawful possession of ten pounds of opium.

A Revenue Officer stated that whilst on duty at Connaught Road Central he saw defendant going to the Sun Yik Wharf, carrying a box. In a specially constructed compartment, fitted round the box, the opium was discovered.

Defendant said he was a coolie and had been engaged by a stranger to carry the box to the steamer. He pleaded ignorance of the contents of the box.

Mr. J. R. Wood fined defendant \$500, with the alternative of three months' hard labour.

A Chinese youth pleaded guilty to being in unlawful possession of twenty taels of opium, and also with attempting to export nine taels of Government opium.

Sergeant Fallon stated that he found the opium concealed round defendant's waist.

Mr. J. R. Wood fined defendant \$2,000, with the alternative of nine months' hard labour.

### AFTER-WAR OPPORTUNITIES.

Dr. Addison, Minister of Reconstruction, speaking at Leeds, said the Ministry wanted in each industry a complete employers' association, a complete employees' association, and for certain purposes a joint body of the two. They wanted to obtain advice from one group only, and not to have a babel of voices giving advice. Restriction and limitation of output must be removed if we were to escape national bankruptcy. Trade had become extinct or were becoming extinct, and they were taking steps to restore them after the war. A wealth of suggestions and inventions never exploited were coming after the war, and they should be ready with plans for these trades, so that demobilised men might start them. The Ministry had been collecting information regarding after-war requirements, and in some cases that information showed "prodigious" opportunities. The Ministry was substantially ready for demands, and now needed these organizations to which he had referred. Industrial good will was vital in the future.

Dean Walker then suggested some amendments to the preamble, and answering the Rev. L. R. Ridgely, pointed out that the English congregations would first have to find out what exactly they stood before inviting the American congregations to join with them. It was necessary that they first get their own house in order before asking for the co-operation of the American congregations.

Bishop Molony briefly replied to the points raised and accepted generally the amendments suggested by Dean Walker.

Mr. Edney Page pointed out that the discussion so far as it had gone had mainly dealt with the position of the prelates and the matter of ecclesiastical jurisdiction which they would have over the organization when created. The organization was not yet created, and when it was it would be many years before the question of ecclesiastical jurisdiction would become one of great moment. He submitted that the question of the organization of the congregations was of most moment.

The preamble was then adopted, as amended, and the conference adjourned in order that the lay members and their chaplains should have an opportunity of considering the two schemes which were before the meeting. As the result of their deliberations a scheme was drawn up for the consideration of the whole conference.

The Chairman, in reporting the transactions of the meeting of the laity and their chaplains, said that the debates were marked by practical unanimity, which was certainly satisfactory from the point of view of the congregations, which were to work together in the future.

The scheme was adopted after some amendment. It was decided that the scheme should be laid before the General Synod of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, and a sub-committee to receive the Synod's reply and to carry out the instructions embodied in the scheme was appointed.

### PEKING NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PEKING, April 14th.

POLITICAL.  
Whether or not a peace settlement may be actually brought nearer by the success of the Government forces in capturing Changsha, it is undoubted that a greater feeling of tranquillity prevails in the North. This is reflected in several ways. The confidence which is felt in the new administration under the guidance of Tuan Chi-jui is revealed in the rise in the value of the notes of the two Government banks, which now stand at 66—ten points higher than they were just before the recapture of Yenchow. The new Cabinet is not regarded as anything more than a temporary arrangement, pending the hoped-for compromise between North and South; so that, when this consummation, so devoutly to be wished, is attained, representatives of the South may be given several portfolios.

Much reliance is being placed upon Liang Shih-yi, perhaps the brainiest public man in China to-day. His astuteness is recognised in the North and feared in the South. While residing in the South during the long interval between his timely departure on the failure of the monarchical movement attempted by Yuan Shih-kai and his recent pardon he got into touch with the Southern leaders. To the knowledge thus gained he has since added by coming to Tientsin and Peking and ascertaining the views of the Peiyang party. It is felt that if any man can bring the conflicting parties together it is Liang. At any rate, he thoroughly understands the situation, and that should prove of some value in inducing the leaders on both sides to open *pourparlers*.

While there is a pronounced opinion in favour of peace negotiations being opened at once, the Government being advised to rest satisfied with its recent military successes, there is also a strong party in favour of further military action on the part of the Government so as to impress the Southerners with the hopelessness of the cause they have espoused. At the moment it is not very clear which opinion will prevail, though the reported instruction to the commanders of the Government forces to clear the Southerners from the neighbourhood of Changsha may be taken as a compromise between the two views. Tuan Chi-jui has no delusions on the subject; he stands for a definite military policy. He presses for a military decision before peace is offered. Those who realise that compromise has failed hitherto to produce a lasting peace in China undoubtedly sympathise with his views. The recapture of Changsha and the practical recovery of Hunan still leaves the South with Hunan and Szechuan, which they have added to their confederation, and the prestige of the Government, if it is to be maintained, demands the return of every province to the allegiance of Peking.

It may be taken for granted that the Government will not consent to the re-convoocation of the old Parliament, which flatters itself that it is still functioning in Canton under Kwomingtao auspices. The North will insist upon the election of Parliament under the new law and governed by the new Constitution. This election should take place in June, and the Parliament should assemble in August. Concessions may be given the South in respect of the greater autonomy of the provinces, but this is not likely to be done in a manner which will weaken the authority of the Central Government. Whatever happens, the Tuan Chi-jui Cabinet will be a responsible one. It may not always consider itself responsible to Parliament, but it will be in a position to exercise authority and to control public affairs better than has been done since the passing of Yuan Shih-kai.

### THE INTERNMENT OF ENEMY ALIENS.

The internment of enemy aliens, for which members of the *Entente* have been pressing for some time, seems to be nearer realisation. There have been a number of Cabinet discussions on the subject, and it is said that an opinion in favour of action has been created. As it seems unlikely that shipping will be available to transport Germans and Austrians to Australia—a course which the Allies advocated—they may be interned in camps in localities where they will be prevented from communicating with the outside world. The Choo-san Islands in Chekiang have been suggested as a suitable area. The main point, however, is that the Government have been induced to consider the action to be taken.

### THE NORTHERN FRONTIER.

A watchful policy is being continued with regard to affairs on the Northern frontier. Reinforcements are being sent to various points in Manchuria. The action of the Chinese in affording shelter at Heiho to Japanese refugees from Blagovestchensk is highly creditable. If all Chinese matters were as well handled there could be no complaints on the score of lack of efficiency or promptness of decision.

### CHINESE AND THE WAR IN EUROPE.

Premier Tuan is still working for Chinese armed intervention in France. It is reported that the two divisions to be raised will be trained in Mongolia. Negotiations with Japanese have been opened for a loan of twenty million dollars for this war participation effort.

PLAGUE.  
It is satisfactory to learn that the epidemic of pneumonic plague is practically at an end. No reports have been received from several days from the plague area, and it is reasonable to assume that the once-infected towns and villages are now clear, while traffic on the Tientsin-Pukow railway has been resumed since no further deaths have been reported from Nanking, which is now presumed to be clear. In a week or so the medical men may be able to issue a clean bill of health for Shansi and Chihli, and relieve the Government of one serious worry.

"LEST WE FORGET."  
The wall of the British Legation is being pointed, but apparently the section pitted with Boxer bullets and bearing the significant reminder "Lest we forget" is not to come under the scope of this renovation. It is to be regretted that the inscription is to be allowed to remain. There is now no need why this reproach to China should be perpetuated, especially since China has joined forces with the *Entente* in declaring war against Germany. Of course, it might be asked why the Chinese authorities permit the Ketteler Monument to remain in the Hatamen with its shameful record in several languages? If they are so sensitive, why have they not removed this disgrace? True, the pillar is very pretty, and has become a landmark, but the fact is that the Chinese have not yet begun to hate the Hun.

Dissatisfaction having been expressed regarding the limited issue of the 7th year domestic loan for the purpose of assisting the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications, suggestions are now being made by the former Minister of Finance for another loan over a longer term, one of the conditions being that purchasers of the former must take up a certain proportion of the latter. The scheme has not yet been approved.

Much interest is aroused in the presence of Baron Sakatani with his suite of some ten Japanese. He is understood to be visiting Peking as Financial Adviser to his own Government, but it is believed that his visit is not unconnected with the taking over of the Land Tax as security for loans to be made by the Japanese Government on favourable terms to China.

### HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE

ORDERS ISSUED BY MR. F. C. JENKIN, C.B.E.

EQUIPMENT PARADES.  
All tanks will attend at Headquarters Office as detailed below. Men on duty on the dates allocated to their Sections will attend at such subsequent dates as are specified in these Orders.  
Uniform, caps with covers to be worn. Rifles, ammunition, truncheons, whistles, chains, armlets and belts to be produced for inspection by those in possession of same.  
The first-named Section will attend at 5.15 p.m., and second-named Section at 5.45 p.m.:—  
Tuesday, 16th inst.:—  
Nos. 1 and 2 Sections.  
Wednesday, 17th inst.:—  
Nos. 3 and 4 Sections.  
Thursday, 18th inst.:—  
Nos. 5 and 6 Sections.  
Friday, 19th inst.:—  
Nos. 7 and 8 Sections.  
By Order,  
T. F. HOVEN,  
A.S.P. (R.) and Adjutant,  
Hongkong, 15th April, 1918.

### VICTIMS OF "FRIGHTFULNESS."

In the House of Commons on February 6th, Mr. Bonar Law, in reply to Colonel Sanders, said that in round figures 14,180 British non-combatants, men, women, and children, had been done to death by German U-boats and aircraft. As to the number of German non-combatants who had lost their lives as the result of British action no official reports were published by the Germans.



CORRESPONDENCE.  
THE RACECOURSE INQUIRY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—I don't think your correspondent "Briton" is quite fair to the local members of the honourable profession he refers to, or to the conduct of the inquiry.

A model of shed 10 was first produced because that was the highest in the row; it was criticised standing alone, but subsequent evidence showed that it was buttressed by the sheds on either side, and that, as the row of matcheds should be considered as a single structure, this was quite legitimate.

This model was not discarded, but subsequent criticism centred on sheds 8 and 9, which stood at an angle of the row and presented several special features; it was at this spot also that the greatest number of bodies were discovered. The Coroner, therefore, called for a model of 8 and 9, which was produced.

A separate point of criticism dealt with the fact that the floors of the sheds were at varying levels, and, in justification of this design, it was pointed out that this was a common feature in most rows of buildings, owing either to the exigencies of the site or the idiosyncrasies of the owners.

It was never suggested that an ordinary house in a row would not stand by itself; the argument was that a difference in levels of the floors of adjoining buildings did not render those buildings necessarily unsafe.—Yours faithfully,

F. B. L. BOWLEY.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1918.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—I notice that you have opened your columns to correspondence about the Race Course Tragedy Enquiry, and, if you can spare the space, the following might be of interest to your readers, in so far as the question of precautions against fire are concerned.

In Shanghai, the inspection and passing of such buildings or structures as the Race Course matcheds is left to the Chief of the Fire Brigade; Mr. Pett, for the Shanghai Municipal Council, unlike the Government of Hongkong, rightly think that the best person to decide whether a building is fully protected against fire is a fireman, and, indeed, common-sense admits of no other view. Apparently, our Chief of the Fire Brigade has no say in the matter, unless he is asked.

As an instance of Mr. Pett's powers, some few years ago a fête, known as the "Garden City," was held in the Shanghai Town Hall. One end of the Hall had been set apart for theatrical performances, and to deaden the sound from the other parts of the hall a double matting partition was erected, padded with straw. Mr. Pett saw this and promptly ordered the partition to be pulled down. The people running the affair objected, and Mr. Pett's laconic reply was—"If it does not come down the show does not open, and that's all about it." Of course, the partition came down; in fact, Mr. Pett pulled that Garden City about to such an extent that when it was finally opened to the public it was more like a Church bazaar.

Just fancy Mr. Lane ordering the Race Course matcheds to be pulled down! And yet that is the very thing he ought to be able to do, if he deemed it necessary for public safety. Why on earth policemen should decide whether a structure is safe from fire when we have an expert fireman on the spot passes comprehension. Thanking you for your valuable space.—Yours, etc.,

COMMON SENSE.

## "SPILL WEEK" IS HERE.

The Community has generously responded to the call for gifts for the St. George's Day Tombola and some very valuable gifts have been contributed. It is hoped that the public will be equally generous in their support in buying spills. There are six prizes in every hundred spills. Among the presents received are the following:—Diamond dragonfly brooch, large diamond bar brooch, turquoise and pearl bracelet, thick solid gold bangle, amethyst pendant, gold chain-bag, gold fountain-pen, gold links, gold watches, wristlet watches, quantities of cut glass, innumerable silver articles, two pianos, gramophones, sewing machine, typewriter, clocks, incubators, dozens of pictures, curios and fancy goods, and also several hundred War Bonds.

THE RACECOURSE COLLAPSE  
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY SUGGESTED REPORT—A FRAGMENT.

[BY ONE OF THE PUBLIC.]

That the matcheds were erected neither more nor less strongly than in former years.

That the supervision exercised by the Public Works Department was neither more nor less efficient than in former years.

That the Contractor had not full scope for the exercise of those practical rule-of-thumb building arts in which Chinese, owing to long practice, are adepts.

That the Contractor's limitations were due to the desire to leave the fronts of the stands with an unobstructed view of the course, and, at the rear, to the well-known objection to tamper with Golf Club property or to risk damaging the turf on and around the golfing greens.

That the condition of the public mind this year was such that the slightest incident would produce a panic. That such an incident did occur, either by the cry of fire, or from fear of a collapse, due to breaking of a floor board; unusual creaking of the structure at a time of general movement; or from a cry that ladders had been cut.

That such an unlooked-for movement did take place and that the structure was unable to bear a sudden heavy moving load.

That this inability to bear such a load was aggravated by the fact that all bamboo materials were too dry, and lacked the necessary resilience which a damp condition imparts to such material.

That death was due to suffocation after a collapse aggravated by fire which broke out after, or simultaneously with, the collapse.

That the safety of the public is of the greatest importance, and that the manner in which these sites were let and in which lessees naturally endeavoured to recoup themselves were conducive to abuse, and, as the event has shown, abuse did exist owing to the entire absence of regulations regarding numbers, cooking, height, etc.

That the maximum number of people admitted to stands must be laid down and that turn-stiles or some such checks must be provided to prevent overcrowding, to ensure that the numbers sanctioned should not be exceeded.

That the present members of the Public Works Department are neither more nor less responsible for the present collapse than are their predecessors, but it is to be regretted that more general intelligence has not been shown by that Department. In particular, the limitations imposed upon the Contractor being either imposed by the Department or well-known to the Department should have called for some special strengthening additions which technical skill could have readily suggested.

That the degree of negligence cumulative and/or individual shown by the Department in this matter and in that of the absence of any regulations dealing with bamboo structures—the Building Ordinance, notwithstanding—cannot be estimated by the public.

That the police arrangements were very faulty by reason of an almost entire absence of regulation. That such absence was not peculiar to this one year.

That the degree of negligence cumulative and/or individual shown by the Police Department in this matter and in the absence of supervision of the crowds frequenting these stands cannot be estimated by the public.

That a greater degree of negligence must be laid at the door of the Police than at that of the Public Works Department, but that both Departments are blame-worthy for allowing the public in unrestricted numbers to use these stands.

That the handling of the Fire Brigade showed a lamentable absence of any previous knowledge of local conditions, appliances, or of drill.

That the heads of the Fire Brigade appear to have shown an entire lack of any intelligent interest in the stands or in the possibility of an outbreak of fire.

That both Public Works Department and the Police knew that the water-power was, or might become, inadequate, attention having been drawn to this fact within the past few years.

That departmental friction would appear to have something to do with the continuance of that state. The Inquiry did not show how far up the scale of the official hierarchy the pertinent memo. of Mr. King went or where the question raised by him was stifled shortly after its birth.

That it is strange that the handling of arrangements after the collapse occurred was taken over by the Colonel of the local Regiment, that the question was asked—where were the Police?—where were the Captain Superintendents of Police of the Regular and of the Reserve Forces?

That this unhappy calamity leads us to urge on the Government to appoint a trained officer as the Captain Superintendent of Police and another trained officer as Superintendent of the Fire Brigade.

That the Government as a whole, Executive and Legislative, share responsibility for this and other regrettable accidents—a responsibility which is cumulative rather than individual.

That panic legislation with regard to the erection and the use of bamboo structures must be avoided.

E. &amp; O. E.

Hongkong, April 15th, 1918.

COMPANY MEETING.  
DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., was held yesterday at noon at the registered office of the Company, Lower Albert Road. Mr. W. S. Brown presided, and there were present:—The Rev. Father Robert (director), Messrs. J. Walker (manager), M. Manuk (secretary), H. Percy Smith, T. Oliphant, A. Stevenson, C. Makeham, C. B. Buyers, H. W. Page, A. V. Apear, H. W. Locker, Chan Tong, Chan Nai Tun and Chan Pen-kow (shareholders).

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—The notice of the business for which this extraordinary general meeting has been convened has just been read out to you by the Secretary. As explained in the covering letter, sent out with the printed copy of the notice, the Company's increasing trade in refrigerated foods and ham and bacon curing made it necessary for the Company to possess its own cold stores, but under present conditions it was found that the necessary plant could not easily be imported, and, therefore, it occurred to your directors to approach the General Managers of the Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd., with an offer to purchase the whole of their business and undertaking. The offer has been provisionally accepted by the General Managers on the basis as set out in the notice, and this acceptance is embodied in a formal agreement between the General Managers of the Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd., and this Company, which agreement will require your confirmation. On the advice of the Company's solicitors, the present opportunity was taken to bring the Company's Articles of Association up-to-date, which will be submitted for your acceptance. The new articles do not differ in principle from the old articles, and therefore it has not been found necessary to send a copy to each of the shareholders in the Company. The main alterations comprise the following:

1. An alteration of the basis on which voting takes place by providing that every shareholder shall have one vote for each share held by him instead of the rights of voting being attached to the holding of a given unit of shares.
2. It is made clear that the discretion of the directors in managing the affairs of the Company cannot be interfered with by the resolution of a small majority of shareholders present at a meeting, but only by means of a special resolution altering the articles.
3. Power is given to the shareholders to remove a director at any ordinary general meeting if such shareholders represent fifty per cent. of the Company's total capital issue.
4. The directors' fees have been increased to \$7,000.

With the exception of these alterations, the new articles call for no special reference or comment. With regard to the proposed change in the name of the Company, your directors feel that the proposed new name will meet with your approval, as it not only retains the old name of the Company, but it also makes it more comprehensive and will readily convey to our customers and the public the various branches of business the Company is interested in.

With these remarks I beg to propose that the new articles, a printed copy of which has been signed by your Chairman, be approved.

Mr. A. V. APEAR seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN: The new articles have now been approved, and I therefore propose that the same be and they are hereby adopted as the articles of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing articles.

Mr. C. B. BUYERS seconded this, and it was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN: I now propose:—"That the conditional agreement submitted to the meeting for the amalgamation with this Company of the Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., upon the terms (inter alia) of the acquisition by this Company of the complete undertaking, business, goodwill and property of the Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., in return for the issue to that Company of 52,000 shares of this Company of the nominal value of \$7.50 each credited as fully paid up (being eight shares of \$7.50 each of this Company for each share of \$35 each of the Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.), and of the issue by this Company to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., the General Managers of the Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., upon their entering into restrictive covenants which have been agreed upon and by way of bonus as compensation for loss of their office as General Managers of the Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., of 2,000 shares of this Company of the nominal value of \$7.50 each credited as fully paid up be and the same is hereby approved, and that the directors be and they are hereby authorised to carry the said agreement into effect with such (if any) modification thereof as they may think fit."

Mr. H. PERCY SMITH seconded the resolution, and it was carried.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. A. Stevenson, it was agreed that the name of the Company be changed to "The Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd."

The CHAIRMAN: The resolutions having been duly passed by the required majority, the adoption of the new articles and the change of name of the Company will be submitted for confirmation at a special resolutions at a second extraordinary meeting, which will be subsequently convened. Notice of the meeting will appear in the daily papers.

This was all the business, and the meeting terminated.

## SPORT.

## MARATHON RACE.

Closes on 50 entries have been received for this race, which is to be run on Saturday next, at 3 p.m. The names of the competitors, with their running numbers, will be early published.

The starting point is Queen's Statue Wharf, near the Hongkong Club. Mr. H. P. White will act as Starter, and Mr. H. J. Gedgo as Judge.

Competitors may change at the Police Reserve Headquarters Club, Princes' Buildings, Ice House Street, where the numbers under which they are to run will be given out.

## GOLF.

## ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

In the Captain's Cup Competition for April Sir William Rees-Davies and Mr. S. H. Dodwell tied. The score of the first-named was 100 minus 18-82, while the latter went round in 82. The tie will be decided on Mr. Dodwell's return. There were 21 entries.

In the Mixed Foursome Competition for the Easter holidays the tie for second place between Miss Ritchie and R. P. Thurstfield and Mrs. Mayhew and H. Pegg was played off on Sunday and Miss Ritchie and R. P. Thurstfield won with a score of 107 minus 12-95 against their opponents' 100 minus 18-102.

The entrance list for the Governor's Cup will be closed on Friday, the 30th inst., and the result of the draw will be notified members in due course.

## YACHTING.

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The races for the "Daphne Cup" and the "Dawn Cup" were sailed off on Saturday last and resulted as follows:—

COURSE: Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rocks (P); Mark boat on Starting Line (P), Channel Rock (P), Kowloon Rock (P). Distance 8½ miles.

Yacht	Handicap on course	Finishing time	Corrected time
Atlas	Scratch	6.21.08	6.21.08
Halcyon	Scratch	6.21.08	6.21.08

\* Winner of the "Daphne Cup."

KEYWARD HAYS AND GAIL CLARK.

COURSE: Channel Rocks (B), Kowloon Rocks (B); Mark boat on Starting Line. Distance 4.28 miles.

Yacht	Handicap on course	Finishing time	Corrected time
Lysbeth	Scratch	5.29.14	5.29.14
Lady Ursula	Scratch	5.29.54	5.29.54

\* Winner of the "Daphne Cup."

CHINESE RIGGED CRUISERS.

The race for the "Niobe Cup" for Chinese Rigged Cruisers was sailed off on Sunday and resulted as follows:

COURSE: North Fairway Buoy (S), Stonecutters Island (S), Tropic Buoy (S), Cust Rock Buoy (S), Kowloon Rock (S), Channel Rock (S), Lyemun Beacon (S). Distance 14 miles.

Yacht	Handicap on course	Finishing time	Corrected time
Lady Jane	Scratch	4.28.14	4.28.14
Dorothy II	Scratch	4.28.14	4.28.14

\* Winner of the "Daphne Cup."

The race for the "Diana Cup" will be re-sailed on Saturday next.

## ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE SPORTS.

The annual athletic sports in connection with St. Paul's College were held yesterday afternoon, at Happy Valley, in ideal weather. There were twenty-eight events on the programme, and they were all keenly contested by the competitors. There was a large gathering of the Chinese community present. Tea was dispensed to the visitors, and the 18th Infantry band discoursed a pleasing selection of music. At the conclusion of the sports, Mrs. S. W. Tso handed the prizes to the successful competitors, and was in turn presented with a bouquet of flowers. The afternoon closed with cheers and the playing of the National Anthem.

## THE RESULTS.

The following were the results:—

SENIOR LONG JUMP.—1, Chim Kwong Yan; 2, Wu Yik Chui; 3, Toi Wa Fong. Distance: 16 feet, 11 inches.

SMALL BOYS' 100 YARDS (final).—1, Chan Man Wa; 2, Lau Ping Leung.

SENIOR 100 YARDS.—1, Toi Wa Fong; 2, Ng Hung Tai; 3, Chim Kwong Yan.

JUNIOR 100 YARDS.—1, U Wing Chau; 2, Ko Wan Hop.

SENIOR HIGH JUMP.—1, Ho Ka Lau; 2, Wu Yik Chui; 3, Chim Kwong Yan.

Height: 4 feet, 3 inches.

JUNIOR HIGH JUMP.—1, Ko Wan Hop; 2, U Wing Chau. Height: 4 feet, 8 inches.

START RACE (Handicap).—1, G. Rowan; 2, A. Rowan; 3, Chan Hing Wa.

SENIOR 220 YARDS.—1, Toi Wa Fong; 2, Ng Hung Tai; 3, Chim Kwong Yan.

JUNIOR 220 YARDS.—1, U Wing Chau; 2, Ko Wan Hop.

JUNIOR SCHOOLS, 100 YARDS.—1, Lau Ping Yan; 2, Tong Siu Lun.

JUNIOR SCHOOLS, 220 YARDS.—1, Liu Chun Wing; 2, Luk Lu Kwan.

SENIOR QUARTER-MILE.—Chim Kwong Yan; 2, Toi Wa Fong; 3, Cheung Man T.

SENIOR QUARTER-MILE.—1, See To Wan; 2, Cheung Sai Hung; 3, Chin Wing On.

SMALL BOYS, 220 YARDS.—1, Lam Yan Leung; 2, Lam Ping Leung; 3, Chan Man Wa.

OLD BOYS' RACE, 220 YARDS.—1, Ko Yan Cheung; 2, S. Chan; 3, Lu Po Hung.

220 YARDS, HANDICAP.—1, Lam Ping Leung; 2, Borg Chung Kin; 3, Lok Ping Nam.

SENIOR HALF-MILE.—1, Chin Kwong Yan; 2, See To Wan; 3, Cheung Man T.

ONE-MILE BICYCLE RACE.—1, Ho Ka Lau; 2, Leung Kin; 3, Chang Ka Ping.

THREE-LEAGUED RACE.—1, Woo Yick Chi and Wu Hung Hin; 2, Li Chun Hung and Chiu Hong Ning.

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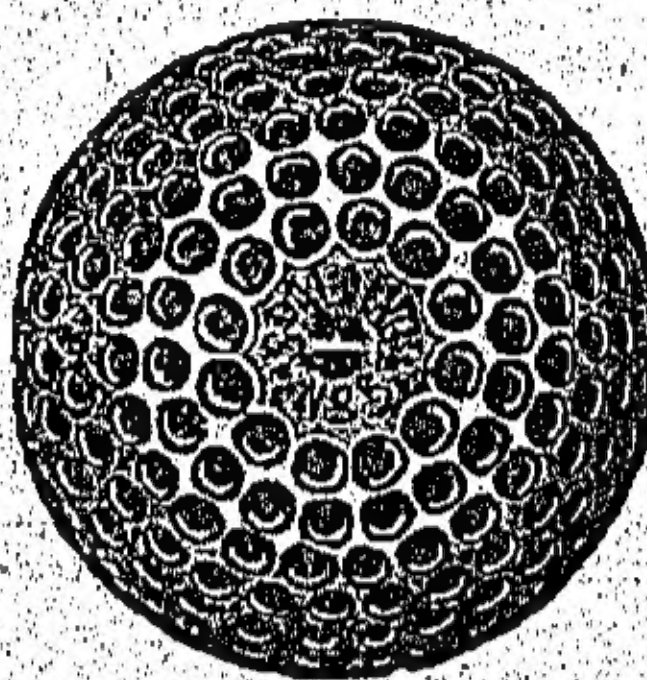
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SACK RACE.—1, Hong Chung Kin; 2, Leung Krok Kwong; 3, Lok Ping Nam and Cheung Shui Yan.

CONSOLATION RACE.—1, Chang Wing Hang; 2, Li Kai U.

FOUR RACE RACE.—Form Va.

FOUR TWO UP WALK.—Commercial class.

The following were the officials:—

Patron: The Right Rev. Bishop of Victoria; President: The Rev. A. D. Stewart; Judges: Messrs. Woon Chow Foon, Chan Hing Wa, Ho Kwai Chiu, A. Rowan, Chan Wai Yau, Wong Siu Pun, Ip Chor Sang, Tang Wai Chun, Fok Wing Ching, and Chiu Yan Kwong.

Starter: Messrs. Ho Wing Kin, G.

Rowan, Wong San Nin, and Toi Chi On; Time-keepers: Messrs. F. M. Mohler, C. Gerken, and Chan Man Woon.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,  
MACAO.  
NOTIFICATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that during the month of April, 1918, the date of publication of this Notification in the "BOLEIM OFFICIAL" tenders for "STUDY OF WATER SUPPLY" in this Colony will be received. The tenders addressed to the Council of Administration of Public Works must be received in this Department within the above-specified time. The conditions of the work are open for inspection in the Portuguese Consulate all week days.

Public Works Department, Macao, 5th April, 1918.  
FARIA E MAIA,  
The Engineer Director.  
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HONGKONG LAWN TENNIS  
LEAGUE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above League will be held in the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion, on MONDAY, April 22nd, at 6.15 P.M., to confirm a resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting held on April 11th, 1918.

Entries for the above League close on April 20th. Club Secretaries are requested to forward the entrance fees with their entries, namely, \$5 per team.  
F. LINDSAY WOOD,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 18th April, 1918. 1894

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG ICE COMPANY LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 2nd Floor, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 18th day of April, 1918, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing as Extraordinary Resolutions the resolutions following, namely:—

- (1) That it is expedient to effect an amalgamation of this Company with the Dairy Farm Company, Limited, and that with a view thereto this Company be wound up voluntarily and that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited, be and they are hereby appointed liquidators for the purpose of such winding up.
- (2) That the conditional Agreement submitted to the meeting for the amalgamation of this Company with the Dairy Farm Company, Limited, upon the terms (inter alia) of the acquisition by that Company of the complete undertaking, business, good will and property of this Company in return for the issue to this Company of 54,000 shares of the Dairy Farm Company, Limited, of the nominal value of \$1.50 each credited as fully paid up (being eight shares of \$1.50 each of that Company for each share of \$12.00 each of this Company) and of the issue by the Dairy Farm Company, Limited, to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited, the General Managers of this Company (upon their entering into restrictive covenants which have been agreed upon and by way of bonus as compensation for their loss of office as General Managers of this Company) of 3,000 shares of the Dairy Farm Company, Limited, of the nominal value of \$1.50 each credited as fully paid up and the same is hereby approved and that the liquidators be and they are hereby authorised pursuant to Section 185 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 to adopt the said Agreement and carry the same into effect with such (if any) modification thereof as the said liquidators may think expedient.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation to a second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 28th day of March, 1918.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
General Managers. 1895

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.  
NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Members will be held on SATURDAY, the 27th April, 1918, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Offices of the Jockey Club on the Ground Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.

By Order,  
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Hongkong, 13th April, 1918. 1890

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C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 10th April, 1918. 1879

## THE DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

APPLICATION has been made to the Directors of this Company to issue to WALTER DOUGLAS GHEAM of Hongkong (deceased) a duplicate Certificate or Certificates in lieu thereof upon the statement that the Original Certificate No. 1909 for Shares numbered 28775 28834 and dated 11th January, 1904, has been LOST or DESTROYED. AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if within 30 days from the date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the Directors they will proceed to deal with such application for a Certificate.

M. MANUEL,  
Secretary.  
Dated 4th day of April, 1918. 1890

## NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN, Non-Asiatic Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person at the CENTRAL POLICE STATION between the hours of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. daily.

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## DEATHS.

BEST—Died of wounds, on April 5th, 2nd Lieut. A. H. BEST, R.F.A., aged 20 years.  
SEBASTIAN—Died of wounds in France, on March 27th, Lieutenant-Colonel SEBASTIAN RAYMOND SEBASTIAN, M.C. (5th Ox. and Bucks, L.I.).

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VOEUX ROAD, C.  
LONDON OFFICE: 121, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, 16TH APRIL, 1918

## DANGERS OF "OLO CUSTOM."

THERE is one aspect of the matched catastrophe which may be overlooked, though it is, perhaps, the most important point to be emphasised. It is this: There is no European in the Colony who knows anything at all about the design or strength of matcheds. That admission must have come as a shock to the general public. Those who have not had any scientific training and do not know anything about scientific work, might, perhaps, be excused for a blind faith founded on ignorance. We have to rely upon such faith every day of our lives, if we would save ourselves the endless anxiety which would otherwise encompass us during every hour of the day. As a matter of fact, we seldom think about dangers which are not so obvious that they make themselves unpleasantly noticeable; and sometimes when we know about them "familiarity breeds contempt." That is especially so in the case of epidemics of disease, for people quickly tire of taking precautions which cause them trouble. We do, however, expect that the experts will always be ready to warn us of danger, even if we neglect sometimes to heed them. In this matter of the matcheds the fact has emerged that every European expert who has considered the subject at all has reposed implicit confidence in the sagacity and skill of the Chinese matched builders, and they depended for their knowledge upon "olo custom." In order thoroughly to appreciate what this means we must remind

ourselves that the Chinese race is proverbially unsentimental in its outlook, and, therefore, however hallowed by "olo custom" a practice may be, it will certainly not rest upon any scientific foundations. Yet practical men such as Colonel JOHN WAIN and Mr. DENISON, and an academic expert such as Professor MIDDLETON SMITH, agreed, as far as it is possible to gather their views on the subject from the evidence which they gave during the recent inquiry, that they thought the Chinese builder was a far better judge than anyone else of the strength of matcheds.

Anyone who comes out to the Far East for the first time sees so many things which surprise him that after a time he ceases to wonder. As a prominent witness said: "When I spoke about it I was told, 'Oh, these Chinese have done these things for years. They know.' And that settled it!" Experience ought to decide a thing of that sort." And yet this is an age in which even the most sacred and ancient beliefs and statements are being continuously examined for the purpose of testing their truth and suitability for the present time. If there is one thing which seems certain now-a-days it is that nothing is so fixed that it cannot be questioned. Especially during the last four years we have seen the searchlight of criticism and inquiry turned upon all sorts of laws and customs which were supposed to be almost as rigid as those of the Medes and Persians. Before the war nearly everyone laughed at the proposals for daylight-saving, but now we find that both Europe and America have adopted them. The spirit of research and investigation is considered to be so essentially the foundation of scientific work that trained engineers might have been expected to apply it instinctively to every problem which faced them. We have before us the undeniable fact that they did not do so when they considered matcheds. We do not wish it to be understood that we judge harshly members of a very honourable profession; or that we fail to recognise the extraordinary difficulties of obtaining data or doing the necessary experimental work in a country like China; but we do think that out of this matched calamity there emerges the same lesson that has been taught to the Home Government by the troubles and difficulties brought about by the disasters of the war, namely, that more encouragement must be given to the accumulation of knowledge upon scientific subjects. In Hongkong, of course, neither the opportunity nor the resources are available that could be employed by the Chinese Government, but it is obviously the duty of the Colony to set an example in this work as well as in so many other directions. As far as we are able to discover, the Americans have more courageously tackled the problem in Manila, and the whole world is aware of the admirable researches conducted in Japan. The Government of this Colony inaugurated the useful service of certificates in connection with the Government Chemical Laboratory, and, useful as this is, we should like to see the system extended. Something beyond that, however, is necessary, and we hope the Government will very definitely encourage new investigations which promise to be of use to people in the Colony. We are not at all sure that, in pre-war days, sufficient attention was paid to a study of the diseases found in South China and therefore dangerous to the public health of Hongkong. In common with all departments, the medical service now is short-handed, but we hope that this point will not be overlooked when the Colony is able once again to resume its normal life.

We should like to know that a thorough study of the mineral and vegetable products of South China was being conducted with a view to trade development. Efforts have been made, with considerable success, but in a more or less casual way, to discover what plants can be introduced from other parts of the world into this locality. In that connection it may be recalled that the great rubber industry of British Malaya has grown out of the original batch of rubber trees which reached Singapore from Kew Gardens.

There is, of course, a Commission considering the problem of the development of the resources of the Empire, and no doubt the results of their deliberations will be valuable; but we can do a great deal locally, and, after all, we can collect information which cannot be gained in any other way. We need to free ourselves

from the fetish-worship of "olo custom." We sincerely hope that this obvious lesson of the matched inquiry will not be lost in our eagerness to consider more personal matters or in our natural sympathy with the victims of those who have perished. The finest memorial to those poor unfortunates will be precautions founded as far as possible upon definite data, to guard against a recurrence of such a catastrophe. We know that failures cannot be rendered impossible. It is easy to recall disasters of structures in Europe and America—the collapse of the Quebec bridge was one of them, but in that case it was possible to trace the cause to a mistake made by an individual. In the case of the matched disaster it is difficult to blame anyone for the actual collapse. We can, indeed, blame only those who had such confidence in "olo custom," and that includes, more or less, the entire population of the Colony. It is a dangerous attitude of mind and one that we must guard against.

Mr. A. D. Copeland, of the Chinese Customs, Tientsin, has died as the result of an accident with a motor cycle.

Lieut. F. G. W. Newbery, R.N.R., formerly of the China Merchants' S. N. Co., has been promoted Lieut. Commander.

The weekly religious meeting of the Helena May Institute to-day at 5 p.m. will be conducted by Mrs. Devetoc, of Canton.

During the 24 hours of Saturday's cases of cerebro-spinal fever were notified in the Colony, all of them Chinese. There were four deaths.

The 1917 dividend of the Shanghai Gas Co., Ltd., has been fixed at Tls. 2.50 per share, being at the rate of five per cent. of the paid-up capital.

Lieut. A. E. H. Parrott, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Parrott, and formerly of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., has been reported "missing, presumed captured."

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Ice Company will be held at the offices of the Company (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) to-day at 11 o'clock.

Information has been received by the Colonial Secretariat from H. B. M. Consul, Ningpo, that quarantine was declared there against Hongkong on the 11th inst.

At the Sanitary Board meeting this afternoon Mr. F. B. L. Bowley will ask the questions standing in his name relative to the construction of a wholesale poultry market.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis League will be held in the Hongkong C.C. pavilion on Monday, April 22nd. Entries for the league close on April 20th.

We are informed that it has now been finally decided to start the performance of "The Witness for the Defence" at the Theatre Royal on St. George's Day, at 8 or 8.15 p.m., and not at 4 p.m. as announced yesterday.

The nett financial result of the dramatic entertainment given at the City Hall on February 23rd, by Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stokes, in aid of the "Mercantile Marine in England and Naval Prisoners of War," is \$2,078.91, for which amount a cheque has been sent to the Hongkong War Charities Committee.

## TYPHOON WARNINGS.

The following telegrams have been received by the American Consulate-General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory:—

8 p.m., April 13th.  
Typhoon in about 157 deg. Long E. and 15 deg. Lat. N., moving north.

1.30 p.m., April 14th.  
Cyclone or typhoon E. of Northern Luzon, more than 300 miles distant, receding north-eastward.

HONGKONG ST. GEORGE'S DAY  
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The Committee beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the undernoted donations. Further amounts will be gratefully received by the Hon. Treasurer, c/o Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation:—

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# THE WAR.

## GERMAN THRUST IN WEST ARRESTED.

### BRITISH LINE FIRMLY HELD.

### FLANDERS COAST BOMBARDED.

### BAVARIANS DISLIKE HOSTILE AIR-RAIDS.

#### Franco-Belgian front.

##### EARLIER CABLES.

##### [THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

##### BRITISH FRONT.

##### BRITISH LINE REMAINS INTACT.

London, April 14th.

1.55 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We repulsed, after heavy fighting throughout the evening, attacks from Meteren to Wulverghem.

We also repulsed a fourth attack on Neuve Eglise.

We beat off last evening a determined attack near Festubert. On this portion of the battlefield and north-westward, as far as Locon, numerous enemy detachments were effectively engaged at short range by our infantry and artillery fire.

Despite numerous strong attacks at all parts of the Lys battle-front, our line remains intact. The enemy's losses were very severe throughout yesterday.

Fighting re-opened last evening at Neuve Eglise and the enemy recommenced attacks in the neighbourhood of Bailloul this morning, which continue.

##### AERIAL OPERATIONS.

Forty hostile aeroplanes were brought down and 20 driven down uncontrollable. In addition to two shot down by our anti-aircraft guns, three hostile balloons were destroyed. Twelve of our machines are missing.

Incessant bombing was carried out all day. Over 22 tons of bombs were dropped on different targets, including Don and Douai railway stations; two important railway junctions between Mezieres and Rheims, and roads leading up to the battle-front in the neighbourhood of Estaires.

##### LATEST CABLES.

##### LATER.

Our fliers reconnoitred the battle-front, dropping 1,200 bombs on enemy troops on the roads leading to the front.

There were a few air fights, with indecisive results. One of our machines is missing.

##### EARLIER CABLES.

##### BRITISH REMAIN IN POSSESSION OF NEUVE EGLISE.

London, April 14th.

9.50 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—After many hours' obstinate fighting during the night and this morning about Neuve Eglise, we remained in possession of the village. The attacks were pressed with great determination.

The enemy's losses throughout were heavy.

The enemy to-day renewed attempts against the village. Fighting continues.

We repulsed in the morning attacks in the neighbourhoods of Bailloul and Merris.

Our artillery dispersed infantry attempting to attack this forenoon north-west of Merris.

Hostile artillery is more active in the neighbourhood of Albert.

##### LATEST CABLES.

##### BATTLE MORE STATIONARY.

London, April 14th.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, states:—A bitter east wind is raging in Flanders, and the visibility is very low.

The situation is generally unchanged.

The enemy continues to employ fresh troops, but we are doing likewise, and steadily increasing our forces. Consequently the battle is more stationary, although as intense as ever.

Yesterday morning the Germans launched a heavy attack against a length of the front they have been attacking continuously, yet unsuccessfully, during the past two days, undoubtedly calculating that the British are worn out, and that another smashing blow would finish us.

But the fresh reinforcements are helping the defenders, who flung back the enemy masses with terrible losses.

##### ENEMY "SHOCK" TACTICS.

The methods of the enemy attacks make it absolutely inevitable to have heavy losses. His formula of "shock" tactics consist in pushing forward in succession dense waves at close intervals, and as the front line is killed off others press on by the sheer weight of the men behind. Frequently his advance has been checked by a barrier of piled up corpses.

Our rearguard fighting has been most skilful and most valiant beyond words.

While machine-guns holding a series of little posts have poured bullets into the enemy until their ammunition has been exhausted, the main body has slowly fallen back upon prepared positions.

##### TROOPS' SUPERB COURAGE.

Each backward step has been made perfectly methodically and we are exacting the full price for what is being yielded. Never have the troops fought with such superb courage and tenacity as now, displaying that they have got their backs to the wall indeed, and that Sir Douglas Haig's Order has vastly heartened them.

The British have learned to value the fighting qualities of the "Poilu." The French, indeed, are magnificent, and their moral is conspicuously one of irresistible confidence.

The enemy, apparently, is endeavouring to gain command of the line of communications between Bailloul and the north. He is fighting desperately with mechanical bravery and iron discipline.

##### ENEMY MAKING LITTLE PROGRESS.

The enemy, apparently, is hoping to envelope the big forest de Nieppe, by thrusting through Hazebrouck, thence southward, but the latest intelligence shows that he is progressing very little in this direction. Our resistance at certain points along the line of the advance is baffling his plan.

After the fourth repulse at Neuve Eglise last night the enemy maintained a heavy pressure around the place, gaining a little ground at a few points east of the village. The heavy attacks south of Bailloul extending towards Merris have continued since morning.

Yesterday morning the enemy attempted to advance on a thousand yard front south of the Lys, but he was smothered by our artillery. Another advance from Merris was likewise flung back.

While an intense bombardment heralding enemy infantry between Wyt-schaete and Kemmel Ridge came it was caught by our concentrated retaliatory barrage.

Our withdrawal near Locon towards La Bassée Canal was to more favourable defensive positions. I judge that the most critical period of the battle was on April 12th. It was at a stage when, had the enemy pressed his advantage, the consequences would have been serious. His failure to improve the opportunity was presumably because he could not. Since then there has been a steady improvement in the general position.

##### FORMIDABLE THRUST ARRESTED.

The latest news is very encouraging, almost cheering. Notwithstanding the continued efforts of the enemy our line is holding firm. Prisoners state that the losses are terrible, and the hardships extreme.

The formidable thrust is at present arrested. Every hour has diminished the enemy's prospect of success. His position tactically is not good, and conditions might develop that will render it distinctly bad.

##### GERMAN REPORT.

London, April 14th.

A wireless German official report states:—We had successful engagements between Nieuekerke and Vieux Birquin.

##### EARLIER CABLES.

##### GERMAN CLAIMS.

London, April 14th.

1 a.m.

A wireless German official report states:—On the battlefield at the Lys River our attacks against the English divisions progressed. From the heights of Messines we pushed forward across Steenbach and reached the eastern border of Wulverghem.

We surrounded and captured Plog-aert Wood and took the fortified height of Rossignol. Between the railways leading from Armentieres to Bailloul and Merris we carried the attack forward as far as the railway leading from Bailloul to Merris and as far as the eastern border of Nieppe Wood. Southward of Merris we captured the Clarence River.

We took Locon by storm, and reached the La Bassée Canal north-westward of Bethune.

We captured 400 prisoners on both sides of the Lucene brook.

##### FIELD-MARSHALSIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S ORDER.

##### FRENCH PRESS COMMENT.

Paris, April 14th.

The newspapers unanimously praise Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's Order of the Day, which they say will immediately be answered with virile energy by the heroic British troops.

Marcel Hulin, in *Echo de Paris*, says the road to Calais and Dunkirk henceforth is closed to the Germans.

*Le Matin* says the tenacity of the British resistance undoubtedly enables the dominating positions which form a barrier between the Lys and the Dunkirk coast to be put in a state of defence.

*Excelsior* says the British and French reserves have not yet been engaged. The battle is only beginning. The Allied High Command has his own reasons for letting the enemy exhaust himself.

*Le Journal* says the German losses are excessive, and may at any given moment become serious.

##### LATEST CABLES.

##### FRENCH FRONT.

##### RECIPROCAL BOMBARDMENTS.

Paris, April 15th.

A communiqué states that there were reciprocal bombardments at several parts but no infantry actions.

##### EARLIER CABLES.

##### FRENCH ATTACK AND ADVANCE.

Paris, April 14th.

A communiqué states:—There was reciprocal artillery firing north of Montdidier. The French, west of Lassigny, attacked the woods north-west of Orvillers-Sorel on a front of 1,200 yards, and advanced several hundred yards and took prisoners.

German storm-troops attacking in the Noyon sector were caught by our fire before reaching our lines and sanguinarily defeated.

French aviators were very active, during fine weather, on the whole front.

Our chasing planes made 350 trips and fought 120 combats. Eight enemy planes were shot down, 23 fell over their own lines damaged, and five German captive balloons were set on fire.

Our bombing planes, including an Italian, dropped 45 tons of projectiles on various stations, concentrations, and convoys, and several fires and explosions were observed.

##### ENEMY LINES PENETRATED.

Paris, April 14th.

A communiqué states:—There were fairly lively artillery actions between Montdidier and Noyon. Our reconnoitring parties here brought back prisoners.

We penetrated the enemy lines north of St. Mihiel, Ember-Mesnil, and Bures sectors in Lorraine, and took prisoners.

German *coup-de-main* north of Hill 304 and in the region of St. Mihiel, Wavre and Bonhomme Hill were repulsed.

##### ENEMY'S ADVANCE SLOWS DOWN.

Paris, April 14th.

A semi-official report, issued last evening, states:—The battle in Flanders continues to rage very violently, but to-day shows a very definite slowing down of the enemy's advance, which henceforth it should be possible to hold back, as Allied reinforcements are ready to be brought up and put into the battle-line.

The German advance southward of Meteren outflanks Bailloul, which, however, the Allies still hold.

The Germans continue to attack on the whole French front, with a view to keeping our reserves from the principal battle area, but in this they have failed, for the French troops occupying the sectors concerned are sufficient to repel all enemy efforts. The great mass of our reserves is intact and at the disposal of the General in command.

##### BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS.

Paris, April 14th.

The long-range bombardment continued yesterday, but there were no casualties. It was resumed late last night. This is the first time Paris has been bombarded at night.

##### GENERAL SARRAIL ON RESERVE.

Paris, April 14th.

General Sarrail has been placed on the reserve list.

##### Naval Activities.

##### [THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

##### GERMAN BATTLESHIP REFLOATED.

Stockholm, April 15th.

The German battleship *Rheinland* is reported to have been refloated. She is badly damaged.

##### EARLIER CABLES.

##### FLANDERS COAST BOMBARDED.

London, April 14th.

2.40 a.m.

A German official report states:—British monitors and aeroplanes on the night of the 12th inst. attacked the coast of Flanders, bombarded Ostend and bombed Zeebrugge.

The batteries repulsed the attacks. An enemy torpedo-boat approached Ostend and was shot at and set on fire.

The vessel was abandoned, and we captured her, with full equipment.

The Admiralty says, with reference to the above, a small motor-boat is missing, and the relatives have been informed.

##### GERMAN FLEET ARRIVES AT HELSINGFORS.

Amsterdam, April 14th.

A Berlin message states that the German Fleet has arrived at Helsingfors.

##### Aerial Activities.

##### EARLIER CABLES.

##### [THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

##### THE EFFECT OF ALLIED AIR RAIDS.

London, April 14th.

The effectiveness of Allied air-raids in Germany has been further illustrated by the fact that the Second Chamber of the Bavarian Diet unanimously resolved upon requesting the Government to urge the Imperial authorities to try and arrange for a general agreement for the cessation of hostile air-raids on places outside the area of military operations.

The representative of the Bavarian Government welcomed the motion, and stated that the Ministry of the Interior was already communicating with the War Ministry concerning the matter.

##### THE AIR RAID ON ENGLAND.

##### GERMAN CLAIM.

Amsterdam, April 15th.

A message from Berlin claims that Zeppelins on the 12th inst. bombed Birmingham, Nottingham, Sheffield, Leeds, Hull and Grimsby.

##### General.

##### EARLIER CABLES.

##### [THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

##### SIAM AND THE ALLIED CAUSE.

Paris, April 4th.

The Secretary of the Siamese Legation, interviewed in the *Echo de Paris*, declared that Siam desired to demonstrate her whole-hearted adhesion to the cause of justice and right, and to show, particularly to Germany, which laughed at Siam, that the Siamese declaration of war was not merely a platonic manifestation. Siam was anxious to actively collaborate with the Allies industrially and economically.

##### DUTCH SHIPPING UNDER BRITISH FLAG.

##### THE CONDITIONS.

The Hague, April 14th.

The British Legation states that the requisitioned Dutch ships will be returned in good condition not later than the completion of the voyage on which they are engaged on the day of signature of the peace treaty. The ships will sail under the British flag, and the charter rate will be 35s. monthly per gross ton. The British Government undertakes all war and marine risks, and, if ships are lost, will, if the owners wish, replace the ships as soon as possible after the war, meanwhile paying six per cent. annually on the value of the lost ships.

##### THE SILVER MARKET.

London, April 14th.

Silver is quoted at 46½d. per ounce. This is influenced by increased rates to India and short supplies. The market is firm.

##### THE GOVERNMENT'S RECORD.

##### A SPIRITED DEFENCE BY MR. BONAR LAW.

Mr. Bonar Law made an exceedingly effective reply in the House of Commons recently to Mr. Herbert Samuel, who was convinced that the present system of a small War Cabinet, with the heads of great departments, being controlled, as he said, like so many Under-Secretaries, was quite wrong, and he condemned it "because it had not delivered the goods."

Mr. Bonar Law answered that the War Cabinet might be tired men; the charge against the late Cabinet was that they were idle. Every morning the members of the War Cabinet meet, and are told off to inquire into important questions arising in the departments which need adjustment. The present system, he added, had been adopted by every one of the belligerent nations, and he was quite willing to be judged by its achievements.

Some of these results he then detailed to the House. A few may be quoted:—

MAN POWER IN 1917.

820,645 men added to the Army.  
731,000 men placed in civil employment.  
804,000 women.

FOOD PRODUCTION IN 1917 OVER 1916.

1,000,000 more acres added to the plough.  
850,000 more tons of cereals.  
3,000,000 more tons of potatoes.

INCREASE IN 1918 OVER 1917.

800,000 acres in England.  
480,000 acres in Scotland and Ireland.

SHIPBUILDING.

538,000 tons output in 1916.  
1,163,474 tons output in 1917.

And if the merchant tonnage, under construction to British order in America, in 1917, had not been commandeered by America for herself, the total would have been quite up to the most sanguine estimate. Was this, Mr. Law asked, a record of failure? If gentlemen opposite thought the time had come to make critical and unhelpful speeches, it was also time they tested the House of Commons to see if it desired a change of Government.

##### THE DUMMY SHIPS.

Reuter's Agency is informed, with reference to the announcement that has been made in America of the use of "dummy" ships, that there is one authenticated case of a valuable convoy proceeding to the Dardanelles followed by a "cruiser." A German submarine that was in the neighbourhood allowed the convoy to pass and reserved her energies for the "cruiser." The vessel was duly hit, and the surprise of the Germans must have been great when they saw big "guns" from the "warship" floating away from the wreck.

##### CANTON NEWS.

##### [BY COURTESY OF THE "CHUNG NGOI SAH PO."]

Canton, April 15th.

DEATH OF GENERAL LUK.  
It is reported that the Tsuchun has received a telegram from Nanning stating that General Luk died on the 13th inst. in his native village in the Mo Ming district of Kwangsi.

THE RECAPTURE OF TIN PAH.  
The recapture of the Tin Pak district, city is confirmed. It is said that over 100 of Lung's officers have been taken prisoner by the Canton troops.

ANOTHER ARMY FOR THE FRONT.  
We are informed that Chan Ping-kwan (ex-Ts'ün) has decided to lead his army, which comprises over 10 regiments, to the Ko Chow front to reinforce the Kwangsi troops.

U.S. GUNBOAT AT YUEN KONG.  
The American Consul, owing to the unrest in Yuen Kong, ordered a gunboat to proceed there to protect various missionaries and chapels. We learn that the gunboat made its appearance the other day, and that the Captain has had an interview with the Chief Commander, Li Lich-kwan.

##### MACAO NOTES.

##### [FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Macao, April 15th.

##### APPROACHING ELECTIONS.

A wire has been received from Lisbon calling upon the Colony to take its part in the election of a President of the Republic and to elect two representatives for the Colony in the Senate and Chamber of Deputies, respectively. It is not expected that much interest will be manifested in Macao over the election of the President. Dr. Leitao's name is mentioned as the probable candidate for the Senate, whilst Dr. Lello, it is expected, will be returned as Deputy. The Colony's previous representatives were Dr. Goncalves Pereira, as Senator, and Captain Vellinho Correia as Deputy. The latter is now at the front.

##### GIRLS' SCHOOL.

There is a strong rumour that an efficient girls' school is shortly to be established in the Colony. Certainly one is needed, and all residents are hoping that the rumour is true. At present many parents have to send their children to Hongkong for education.

##### RETIREMENT OF THE COLONIAL SURGEON.

Dr. Arango, the Colonial Surgeon, and family are very soon leaving for home. Dr. Arango, who is retiring on pension, has been for many years in the Colony, and has occupied his present position for the past seven or eight years. He has made numerous friends here, and the best wishes of all will go with him that he may be spared to enjoy a long period of well-earned leisure in the "old country."

##### WAR NEWS.

##### GERMAN PLOT TO RUIN U.S. GRAIN CROP.

The Holland-American steamship *Nieuw Amsterdam*, with over 1,500 passengers aboard, arrived at a United States port recently, and after a searching examination by Customs and Secret Police officials lasting all day and well into the night, everyone was permitted to land. The *Daily Telegraph's* Correspondent states that one reason for the precautions taken in examining the passengers and every scrap of baggage, extending even to the seizure of face and other powders, was the receipt by the Government here of news of a plot to bring in from Germany a poisonous pollen or fungus or chemical meant to cause damage to the American grain crop.

##### AMUSING FICTION ISSUED IN BERLIN.

The following "news" from Berlin has been transmitted through the wireless stations of the German Government. During the whole of January the strikes in England have led to numerous riots and scenes in the streets. Hardly a day passed during this month without the crowd coming into conflict with the police in English towns. Concerning one of these riots, which took place in London on January 17th, and which is typical of the state of affairs in England, our Amsterdam correspondent gives the following details:—

"On January 17th, at 3 p.m., there was a conflict between the police and the crowd in which the police had the worst of it and were put to flight." Then a detachment of Scotch recruits, who were in barracks at Shepherd Bush (1 Shepherd's Bush), were summoned to their assistance. When they reached Oxford-street, where the principal fighting between the crowd and the police took place, and the soldiers were ordered to fire, the majority of them refused, and about 80 men were arrested and taken to the prison of Old Bailey. At Selfridge's great shop in Oxford-street all the windows were broken in the riot. In the evening there were other tumults near Threadneedle-street. [The character of the German official message was never better illustrated than by the above. Apart from the invented riots, there has been no prison at the Old Bailey for years, and Threadneedle-street after banking hours is about the most deserted thoroughfare in London.]







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TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 16th Apr., Noon.
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